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State Department

11th April, 1978.

Dear Sir,

I have come recently to Washington assigned by my religious congregation, Little Brothers of the Gospel (Charles de Foucauld), to see what can be effectively done to get information about the three priests Carlos Armando Bustos, Pablo Gazdani, Kleber Silva Iribarnegaray, who are being held in secret detention for some time now. Our community is particularly concerned with the last two, one who is a member of the congregation, the other a postulant.

I believe the State Department has also taken an interest in their cases. For your information I am enclosing a dossier on them. I sincerely hope you will be able to do something for them. The most recent news we have, informally of course, is that at least two are still alive and in detention somewhere in Buenos Aires Province.

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You are no doubt aware of the suffering and anguish this situation is causing for their family and friends and the U.S. Government will do all it can for them.

I would be indeed very pleased to meet you sometime in the near future in order to converse much further about this matter. I intend to stay in Washington some few weeks more. Through Tom Quigley you can perhaps arrange sometime.

Thanking you for your interest in these cases,  
I remain,

yours very sincerely,



REV. PATRICK RICE